

The foreign participation in fairs in India during the last few years organised by TFAI has declined which could be attributable to:-

- (a) A large number of countries have been passing through economic difficulty including limited availability of foreign exchange. This is likely to have affected participation in fairs.
- (b) Number of trade fairs held worldwide has been increasing; as such, foreign participation in fairs by individual countries could have gone down due to availability of wider choice
- (c) Uncertain political and low-and - ordersituation in India during the period 1989 and 1991

(d) The following measures will help to improve foreign participation in fairs in India:-

- (i) Recent liberalisation introduced by the present Government for setting up industries, joint ventures and manufacturing base being published in foreign countries so as to motivate foreign companies to participate in fairs in India;
- (ii) Enhancement of the special import fair quota for disposal in India of goods exhibited;
- (iii) More interaction through the Indian Missions abroad and foreign Missions in India.

[English]

Asian Development Bank Assistance to Orissa for Road Projects

*344. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any negotiations were conducted with the Asian Development Bank for loan assistance for financing certain road projects in Central and State sectors in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of proposals received/ contemplated to provide expressways in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After negotiations, the project of improvement to Rourkela-Sambalpur State Highway (164 km) at a preliminary cost of Rs. 80.00 crores has been included under the Second Asian Development Bank Highway Loan which has already been signed with the Bank.

(c) No such proposal has been received or is contemplated.

Amendment of Evidence Act

3598. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Loopholes in Evidence Act" published in the Times of India, Bombay on November 5, 1991;

(b) whether the Government propose to bring forward a legislation to amend the India Evidence Act; and

(c) if so, the time by which the legislation is likely to be brought forward?